



# MMMTEAMNews

AUSTRALIA

## MMM Safari - Serving Casuarina Baptist Church, Darwin.



CASUARINABAPTIST Church

*Reaching the world for Christ*



**Gaye Redsell flat out!**



Painting, painting and more painting!

Pastor Paul & Dee Avery were excited to have the MMM team undertaking the mammoth task of painting the Sunday School hall, kitchen and meeting room interior and exterior when they first arrived. The team, consisting of Bruce & Pam Collard (Team Leaders), Kevin & Eira Sproats, Mike & Melody Nicholls, Tom & Gaye Redsell and John & Joyce Blade set up their motorhomes and vans in the church grounds and got to work.

The interior ceilings and exposed beams were tackled first and once finished the overhead fans were running at full speed to keep the workers cool each day during very hot and humid conditions. We thought inside was hot enough without the fans but painting the exterior was even more challenging, trying to chase the shade wherever and whenever possible and keeping up with lots of water to drink.



During the last week the team welcomed three extra couples, Pat & Glenda Freeman from Brisbane, and Graham & Gloria Scott and Stuart and Karen Bott, both from Tasmania. The new challenge for Bruce, as Team Leader, was to fit a 10m Fifth Wheeler, caravan and campervan plus three vehicles in with the other vans on the church property. With great reversing by Stuart, the owner of the fifth wheeler, and clear directions from Bruce, it just fitted in. The extra "painters" arrived just in time to start on the interior and exterior of the toilet block.



**Eira Sproats and Pam Collard hit the wall!**

We also later said farewell to the Blades, Redsell, Freemans & Coopers who were leaving Darwin to do work at Maningrida, an isolated indigenous community in North Eastern Arnhem Land.

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# Casuarina Baptist Church cont'



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Everyone commented how great the buildings looked and was happy with the colour changes.

But wait there's more! The next task was for Paul & Dee to choose the new colours for the interior of the worship auditorium which definitely looked like it was time for a total makeover. Members of the congregation were encouraged to make some suggestions and finally the decision was made, the paint purchased and the makeover began.

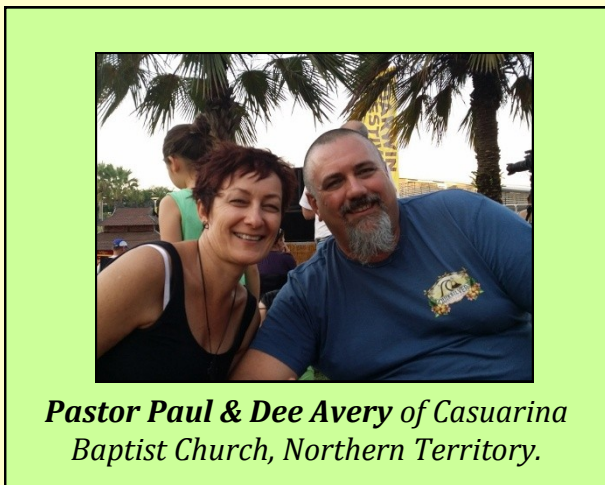
Wow!! What a drastic change, but as more and more paint went on, the encouraging positive comments also came on ... "It looks great!" ... "Love the colours".

At the end of three weeks our work at Casuarina Baps was complete. We had a wonderful time of fellowship with the congregation and many folk supplied morning teas and lunches for which we were very grateful. This church is a very multi-cultural congregation with a great ministry to a regular bus load of refugee detainees from one of the local immigration detention centres. The buildings are used every day of the week so the impact into the community is very positive.

This, along with many of the other maintenance jobs, was a truly rewarding experience and the church folk were very thankful for the amazing makeover carried out by the MMM team.

Praise God for his Good Work!

**Bruce & Pam Collard**



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A huge effort by Ian Dawson this month, in the design, engineering and manufacture of this church sign. Calvary Baptist Church asked if MMM could help. Ian rose to the challenge and managed all aspects of the project himself. The church were very pleased with the result, especially the gas struts which enable the sign to be adjusted very easily!



Well done Ian! Now taking orders!!

The **NSW Annual Dinner** is on 12:00pm, 29th November 2014 at Bethshan Ministries. Our guests are Selwyn & Sexton from Sowers International who will share about their ministry with Sowers. We had the privilege of serving them earlier this year with a painting project. So please plan to join us for a day of celebration and fellowship.

The next **NSW Prayer Morning Tea** is Thursday 23rd October, 10am at the State Centre. Please join us in prayer for the various ministries of MMM. Bring something to share, tea & coffee provided.



**The MMM Queensland Committee cordially invites you to attend our**

**FUNDRAISING DINNER**

**on Saturday November 8, p.m.**

**At the Stafford Heights Baptist Church  
268 Appleby Road Stafford Heights**

**Come along and enjoy great food and hear about the exciting work of MMM in the Northern Australian Region.**

**Cost: By donation**

**Please note: Tables have been kindly sponsored by some of our generous friends so 100% of funds raised on the evening will go to the work of MMM Northern Australia Region**

**Please inform us of any special dietary needs**

**RSVP Anne Cooper by 29th October**

**Ph. 32042503 Mb. 0430 200 942 email - [anne@mmm.org.au](mailto:anne@mmm.org.au)**

**We look forward to sharing some of the exciting experiences we have had as we have travelled to jobs throughout Northern Australia**

## Prayer Groups around the country

- WA** 1st Thurs every month 7pm, Val & John Francis 550 Lower King Rd Albany  
Ph 08 98 441 991
- Vic** 3rd Wednesday of each Month at noon, MMM Head Office, Mitcham,  
03 9837 2700
- NSW** 23rd October, 10am at Wyee. Bring and share Morning Tea.
- Tas** Hobart area, Kevin and Heather Filleul, 03 6248 1912  
Launceston area, Rod and Lyn Dowling, 0417 590 740  
Devonport/Sheffield area, Stan and Faye Jones, 03 6491 1531
- QLD** Contact the Coopers—07 3207 2503



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## Ladies Shopping Tour

Shopping Tour Sat 25<sup>th</sup> October  
(0830am - 5.00pm) \$45pp

Seats available! Come and have a great day together, getting some early Christmas gifts and raising money for MMM!



## CEO Terry Baxter visiting WA 04<sup>th</sup> to 07<sup>th</sup> October

**First Meeting is** MMMWA State Centre Sat 04<sup>th</sup> October, 6pm BBQ, followed by presentation by Terry Baxter with plenty of time for questions and answers. Come and hear about the ongoing ministry of MMM Australia and its Strategic Plans for the future.

**RSVP Karen Mob 0419 197 695 or WA State Centre 9456 0022.**

**NEW EVENT** Terry will also be in **Esperance**, Bay of Isles Community Church, 7pm BBQ and presentation.

**RSVP Karen Mob 0419 197 695 or WA State Centre 9456 0022**



## Project Team Updates

Bridgetown Church of Christ – removal and installing plasterboard ceiling to inside of church – Team Building 5 days November

## New MMMWA Project Alert Service

If you would like to be a Volunteer on a WA Project, we are now sending out a "Project SMS Alert" to Mobile Phones. This will allow MMM to keep Volunteers up to date on the progress and needs of Projects much faster than through the Team News. If you would like to receive these SMS's (normally only 1-2 per month) just SMS your details to Trevor 0409 778 799. Together We Serve



Next year, MMM is celebrating 40 years of Ministry. We **need for old MMM photos for 40th Anniversary Dinner in 2015.** Photo's can be scanned and emailed to State Offices or originals can be copied at your State Office. For historic WA photos, please contact Trevor and Karen.

Project was New Tribes Mission – Mt Elizabeth Oct 1999

Team Back Left : Phil Stuart (now a Minister working with Spinifex Ministries Alice Springs), Rod Heape (still serving with MMM in NZ), Daryl House (past MMM WA State Manager), Stephen Dewing (was the pilot for project, now working with Bethshan Missionary Homes)

Front: Trevor Beard (current WA Regional Manager)



## MMMWA are looking for Volunteers..

### Register your interest today

You can make a difference to the effectiveness of a Christian Ministry or Organisation through the provision of your service and skills. Work around your availability, no minimum time commitment required.

More Information Contact Trevor Beard 0409 778 799 Or MMMWA Centre (08) 9456 0022

MMM Western Australia - Trevor & Karen Beard. 33 Furley Rd, Southern River, Western Australia, 6110  
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# MMM Northern Safari

## Woolaning Homelands Christian College



**What is hotter than hot?** Working in the Darwin area in September.

The Safari team divided again on 26<sup>th</sup> August, 4 couples going to Maningrida and 5 couples plus one lady going to Woolaning in Litchfield National Park. This team was Karen and Stuart Bott from Tasmania, Pam and Bruce Collard from NSW, Glenda Jardine from Queensland, Mike and Melody Nicholls from New Zealand, Graham and Gloria Scott from Tasmania, and team leaders Eira and Kevin Sproats from NSW. Half way through, the Nicholls had to leave for home and were sadly missed.



**The Men's Team** - There were two parts to the work: reconfiguring a breezeway entrance to one of the residential cottages, and constructing a new office and attached laundry area at the rear of the shop. Bruce and Graham concentrated initially on the breezeway. The first major issue was removing a window and then removing a concrete block wall. Sound easy? Not easy in a cyclone area. Steel rods down and across and blocks filled with concrete. A challenge but completed successfully. They then closed in the rear end of the breezeway and installed a new door at the front end. Once painted by the ladies the finished product looked excellent.



The framework for the new office within the school store building had been erected by the time the team arrived. Mike, Stuart and Kevin proceeded to install insulation and then line the walls and ceiling with gyprock. Mike installed new lights, fans and power points. Setting the joints and sanding off ready for painting was the usual "whitening" experience. Lining the attached laundry area with villaboard involved less dust. Once painted by the ladies, Bruce and Graham joined to complete the plumbing for the sink and washing machine. A job well done.



**The Ladies Team** - There was not much that the ladies were able to do but they found plenty to occupy their time. Helping by sweeping, mopping, cleaning windows, painting and most importantly "watering" the men as they worked in the extreme heat. There was also opportunity to help the school with repairing and hanging curtains and sorting and cataloguing the overheads used by the music team for the services.

**Recreation time** - We made time to relax, going to Hidden City and Wangi Falls in the Litchfield Park as a team and we had two fun games nights. We celebrated two birthdays and had a wonderful damper and billy tea night on the open fire. We also enjoyed having a meal with the family (house parents and 8 aboriginal girls) in the

house we repaired Tiger Lily House. We joined with the staff for church services and a barbeque on the final night.



Thanks team - job well done

**Kevin & Eira Sproats.**





## Maningrida Makeover

In late August Tom and Gaye Redsell, John and Joyce Blade, Pat and Glenda Freeman and John and Anne Cooper crossed the East Alligator River into Arnhem Land. After crossing 12 rivers and creeks, we arrived in Maningrida on the 28th to set up camp at the Uniting church where we would be working and living for the next few weeks. The church became the kitchen, living room and was also John and Joyce's bedroom. We were very thankful to the previous MMM team who had been there three years ago and installed a shower and toilet. The preceding weeks were busy organising materials, ordering screens, doors and louvers and getting them to the barge for the trip across to Maningrida. The project was to replace all the windows and doors, renew the lights and fans in the church, and install spotlights outside. Some windows were being closed in around the top section of the building and then it all needed to be painted, inside and out.

The front wall was varnished timber, so it had to be rubbed back and a few new layers of varnish painted on. The first task was to take out the glass and metal louvers, remove their tracks, sand back the timber and paint all the frames. We tackled this by doing one side at a time as each night the security screens had to be put back in place. Some areas were built over so the sheeting was cut to size and framed, then more painting, painting painting..... John Blade had a challenge before he could start on replacing the ceiling lights and fans; he had to find some scaffold or trestles to reach that high! After a few days of asking around, the local council sent their sparkie down and he lent John the trestles he needed. Our local contact in the church at Maningrida, George, who is also an elder in the community was otherwise occupied after we arrived as his sister passed away the first night we were there.

We came to know a few ladies that called in and many people popped their heads in to see what we were doing. George had a program going on with a job start scheme so there were usually workers about the church each day, watering plants and raking the lawn, and giving a bit of a hand at times. One of the ladies promised to take us to her country on the weekend and so she did. We travelled about 25kms around the coast to the east and arrived at her family's country. What a beautiful place it is with white beaches for miles, right on the sea. She took us looking for "long bums" for our bait, then up to an entrance where we could get onto the beach and fish on the rocks. No, we didn't catch anything, but we really enjoyed our time with Monica and her family out there.

Each day was full for all the team and we were thankful that Pat and Glenda had joined the MMM team at this time and were able to come out with us as they had a camper trailer. The usual frustrations with remote jobs was experienced as we discovered some materials were wrong to the order and some paint wasn't enough, but the Lord provided in lovely ways and the things we needed to complete the work were able to be sourced locally.

After two weeks in Maningrida, it was with mixed feelings we packed up, farewelled George and set off on the dusty road back to Oenpelli.

Well done team!

Anne Cooper





## Are you interested in a Tasmania Safari?

A group is forming with the thought of heading to Tasmania in mid January 2015 (of course summertime!!) for 3-4months. Group discounts are available for teams of 15 plus people, on the Spirit of Tasmania. So it would be great if we could get some expressions of interest so planning can get underway.

The Tassie mob are welcoming as always, and a list of projects around the state are proposed—as well as plenty of R & R, organised activities and sight-seeing. Phill and Gwen Hall will be team leading with Rod & Lynn Dowling (Tassie Managers) to assist with details.

Please be praying if this is something you would love to be part of, and make contact with

Phill 0428233317, [phill.gwen1@bigpond.com](mailto:phill.gwen1@bigpond.com)

Rod 0417590740, [rod@mmm.org.au](mailto:rod@mmm.org.au)



## TASMANIA UPDATES:

1. On Now: Summerhill Baptist Church, Launceston New Auditorium.
2. Sept-Oct 2014 Various projects @ Rokeby Christian School.
3. **MMM share a meal with Terry Baxter @ the Perth Centre 25 Oct as he outlines the 5 year plan.**
4. MMM Bush Dance @ Camp Clayton 17 Jan 2015- details to follow.
5. MMM Safari starting early 2015 for 3-4 months. Various projects around many areas in TAS. Contact Phill Hall to also get more information or Rod Dowling or 0417590740.

## Seymour Presbyterian Church

### Can you help?



This is a small congregation with a new Pastor and together they are trying to make their church a place where the Lords word and their love will be a witness to the community of Seymour and beyond.

We need painters to work on mobile scaffolding and there is plenty of low work also. It is all indoors and the people of the congregation will look after our team well.

Expressions of interest are sought from people who could help this side of Christmas. The project will take about 10 days. ***Caravan spaces will be provided at the local caravan park.***

Contact Peter Taylor if you are able to help.  
0409959181

## MMM Caps



These great looking MMM caps are available from State Centres for \$15/each. On the back they are embroidered with "Serving those who Serve". They are a top quality cap which help raise funds and promote MMM. We can post for additional cost.

Why don't you order a few for gifts for your family or for those who may be interested in joining MMM also.

Contact your State Centre to place an order.

# Jon Lawrence Update - Serving in Africa

Jon Lawrence became an MMM Associate a few months looking for a missional building organisation he could link in whilst following God's directions and serving mission organisations in a number of African nations using his building and carpentry skills and training. Here is his most recent communiqué with his supporters and MMM...



Hey guys

Made it...

After travelling across Malawi, Zambia and also organizing Visas for Asedi and myself, we have made it to the Congo. Thank you for all your Prayers.

I must admit that I'm writing the email because I need more prayer. I have been in Congo for about 3 weeks now. Finding my time very busy and stressful. Have so much to do and so much to think about all the time. I'm trying to finish a mission house off and get the family in at the start of November. I know this is where God wants me but its not going to be a very easy next month and a half. I need my brothers and sisters in Christ to help me get the house finished. Your Prayers will be much appreciated. I also have another Boil under my arm, which is not helping things as well. I have some medication for the boil and it's definitely not as bad as my last one. Thanks for this ...



Pray

- Please pray that I stay in good health
- Pray that I find time to rest
- Pray that I continue to find me my strength in God's word.

The righteous person may have many troubles, but the Lord delivers him from them all Psalm 34:19

Pictures of some of the work I have been doing, and my kitchen and living arrangements in the Congo.



## MMM Vic - Our Committee

Last issue of Team News we introduced you to some members of the MMM Vic Committee (Hugh, Janina, David and Grant)- here are the remaining 3 members. Please keep them in your prayers as they seek to manage MMM Vic matters in the absence of a Vic Manager.

**Below** - Ewe-Jin Low. Ten Ten Design manager, Ewe-Jin has been serving MMM as a consultant architect for a number of years now. He is such a blessing to MMM and as he is running his business from MMM Headquarters he really feels a part of the MMM team.



**Below** - Ross Towns. New to MMM, as a retired builder, Ross is essential for the Committee and becoming instrumental in getting the recent MMM Vic projects done to an excellent standard.



**Centre Above** - Ivan Wadsworth. New to MMM, Ivan is enthusiastic for project work as a general handyman, and with project management experience, and an electrical engineer by training, he is will be great on the Vic Committee team

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# OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

## MMM Victoria Projects

**Belgrave Heights Convention Centre.** The total renovation of the bathroom facilities in 'The Lodge' accommodation at Belgrave Convention Centre has been requested of MMM. The project will start on November 3 and the project will end when the work is done. We have until mid Dec, to complete the work.



*MMM volunteers assisting Belgrave Heights Convention Centre in 2001 ...  
Will this be you in 2014?*

**Thornbury Church of Christ** has requested we carry out some minor renovations in their Children's hall. This involves carpentry, plastering, shelving painting and more. This work can start as soon as we have a team formed.

**St Matthews Anglican Prahran** needs a big reno. on their outside toilet block. Everything except the outside walls is to be renewed, so some skilled volunteers will be needed, particularly in the plumbing and electrical fields. There is also tiling and plastering.

**Cornerstone Community Quarry Hills Bendigo.** We have been asked to help in this exciting work with the Cornerstone people, rejuvenating some old Church buildings to allow this wonderful team to increase their engagement with the seekers and those who don't yet know what they are looking for, in the Quarry Hills district. Hall renovations, kitchen fit out, new access ramps and a large new toilet block are amongst the work requested. It's a big job and we will be seeking skilled volunteers and handymen and women who can spend varying lengths of time helping with this outreach development. There is room on site for caravans for those interested.

Please contact the projects dept. at Mitcham if you can assist on these Vic Team projects;  
[mmmvic@mmm.org.au](mailto:mmmvic@mmm.org.au) or ring 03 98372700

## Expressions of Interest sought:

**Sikiwi via Wewak PNG.** Renovating an old house previously used by a missionary couple to now be used to house itinerant Mission visitors and local Pastors. Outside guttering work, cupboards, installing a kitchen, installing running water from tanks and more. No date set until we can form a team.

**Mukonu - Uganda Frontline Missionary** - training and sending mission. They have a brick building up to roof height but want assistance to put the roof on. They can provide accommodation and food for our volunteers. No date set until we have formed a team.

**India - Andhra Pradesh - William Carey Guesthouse.** This guesthouse is used by visiting Christian workers travelling for teaching or training and the building has fallen into poor condition. They are seeking help from MMM to restore the building to its former good

## 2015 Safari Outback Adventures

At this time each year, we start to collect names of interested people for the 2015 Safari experience. We have some interest and likely projects in Western Australia and we expect the applications from the NT and Qld and SA will also come in through the next 6 months. We have a team already heading to Newman for an extended period, 6 to 8 weeks and they will likely spend time on other projects in the area when Newman is completed.

*If you are interested in being involved or informed about the preparations for Safari 2015, register your interest with Head Office, email*

## 3 Events in NSW that need you

### 1. CAR BOOT SALE - 18th OCT

We are partnering with Doyalson Baptist Church to run/host this joint fundraising event. Helpers needed on the day, event is at Doyalson Baptist Church, need helpers all day!

**2. Prayer time,** Thursday 23rd October @ Wyee. Please come and be updated on what's happening and pray for our ministry.

**3. Annual Dinner - 29th November** We need some catering assistance. We would like to run this as a fundraiser for MMM, so I need a team of helpers to help plan and prepare the menu for the day.

Please contact Lyndon for all.  
[lyndon@mmm.org.au](mailto:lyndon@mmm.org.au) or 4357 2921

# MMM Projects & Events Calendar

## New South Wales' Projects

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name/Location</u>	<u>Job Details</u>	<u>Other Information</u>
7th—24th October	Attunga Country Campsite	Erect Tent structure/building	Team Full
4th—15th November	Blayney Baptist Church	Fit out old Pub to be used as a church building	Team Forming please contact Lyndon Lyndon@mmm.org.au, 02 4357 2921
17th-28th November	Katoomba Christian Convention	Various projects	Contact Phill Hall to register. Phill.gwen1@bigpond.com
29th November	NSW Annual Dinner	Relax and Enjoy!	12pm at Bethshan Ministries 70 Wye Rd, Wye.

## Queensland's Projects

TBA	Bunya Mountains Presbyterian Camp	Renew veranda flooring and maintenance	Team Forming. Please contact Anne. 0430 200 942 or mmmqld@mmm.org.au
TBA	Toowoomba Wesleyan Methodist Church	Painting	Team Forming. Please contact Anne. 0430 200 942 or mmmqld@mmm.org.au
TBA	Chinese Church – Wishart, Brisbane		Team Forming. Please contact Anne. 0430 200 942 or mmmqld@mmm.org.au
TBA	Southern Downs Flexible Learning Hub Warwick Christian College Kingswood	Renew roof in workshop and machinery shed	Team Forming. Please contact Anne. 0430 200 942 or mmmqld@mmm.org.au

## Victoria's Projects

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name/Location</u>	<u>Job Details</u>	<u>Other Information</u>
Early October	St Matthew's Anglican Prahran	Renovate outside toilet Plumbing, electrical, tiling, plastering	Contact David Graham – MMM Vic 0418 527 814 or davidg@mmm.org.au
Nov 3 to December 19	Belgrave Heights Convention Centre	Renovation of the bathroom in 'The Lodge' accommodation	Contact David Graham – MMM Vic 0418 527 814 or davidg@mmm.org.au
Early 2015.	Cornerstone Community Quarry Hills Bendigo	Hall renovations, kitchen fit out, new access ramps etc	Contact David Graham – MMM Vic 0418 527 814 or davidg@mmm.org.au

## Tasmania's Projects

ON NOW	Summer Hill Baptist Church	New Auditorium	Contact Rod & Lyn Dowling 0417 590 740 or mmmtas@mmm.org.au
Oct	Rokeby Christian School	Various jobs	Contact Rod & Lyn Dowling as above
25th October	Strategic Planning Session with Terry Baxter—At MMM Centre TAS	Learn about MMM's 5 year plan	Contact Rod & Lyn Dowling

## Western Australia's Projects

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name/Location</u>	<u>Job Details</u>	<u>Other Information</u>
November TBC	Bridgetown	Replace ceiling	Accommodation can be provided. Great country project

## Offshore

TBA - 2014 or 2015	PNG, Duke of York Island	Building a school for a remote village	<b>Team forming.</b> Contact: MMM Head office - 03 9837 2700
TBA	Vijayawada City, India	Renovations on a guest house. We half a team but need more	<b>Team forming.</b> Contact: Ian Dawson 0468768004